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## **Assistant City Manager Selected to Participate in University of Virginia's Senior Executive Institute**

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – Assistant City Manager F. Wyatt Shields has been invited to join other local government colleagues from around the world to participate in a two-week intensive, interactive exploration of the multi-faceted world of local government.

Designed specifically for senior local government managers, the Senior Executive Institute is offered through the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia. Held at the University of Virginia's Colgate Darden School of Business, the curriculum, which includes learning in the essence of public service, emotional intelligence, dialogue in leadership, and team development, is created in partnership with faculty from U.Va's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

Focusing on the top leadership of a public organization, Shields will interact with senior colleagues from localities around the world and learn from a team of instructors who specialize in the needs of local government leaders. Participants explore leadership from both organizational and personal perspectives, with emphasis on the culture and structure of the Council/Manager form of local government. Participants and instructors compare and discuss differences between entrenched bureaucratic structures and organizational systems based on democratic values, among many other things.

The Assistant City Manager will attend the Institute from July 17 through July 29, 2005.

"The SEI is an excellent opportunity to further develop Wyatt's abilities as a leader for our City and to help him lead a Falls Church City government that is healthy and flexible, and that interacts effectively and collaboratively with its citizens," says City Manager Dan McKeever.

For more information about the Senior Executive Institute, please visit their Web site at [www.coopercenter.org/leadership/SEI](http://www.coopercenter.org/leadership/SEI).

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